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SUBJECT: CODEL ROSENTHAL/ FRASER: JOINT STATEMENT WITH
THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY
MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS (CODEL ROSENTHAL/
FRASER) AND A DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AT THE
CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT OF THE CODEL:

2. BEGIN TEXT

JOINT STATEMENT. MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND
A DELEGATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT TODAY CONCLUDED THREE
DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS. WORKING SESSIONS COVERED TRADE, AGRI-
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CULTURAL, MONETARY AND EAST- WEST QUESTIONS. THIS WAS THE THIRD MEETING OF THE DELEGATIONS AND THE FIRST SINCE THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. ANOTHER SESSION WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON LATER THIS YEAR.

3. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE SHARE A PROFOUND COMMON INTEREST AND DESTINY UNDERLYING OUR ENTIRE RELATIONSHIP. WE MUST REMIND OURSELVES THAT THE CONTINUITY THROUGH THE YEARS OF THESE COMMON INTERESTS IS A MOST IMPORTANT LINKAGE BETWEEN THE VARIOUS ISSUES WE DISCUSSED.

4. THE AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS OBTAINED A RENEWED SENSE OF THE VIGOUR OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. BOTH SIDES STRESS THE NEED FOR CONTINUING REVIEW OF OUR INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIP IN ORDER TO PREVENT STRUCTURES BECOMING OUTDATED. THE DYNAMISM RESULTING FROM THE ENLARGED COMMUNITY WILL FORCE CHANGES IN THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY.

5. TRADE. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FORTHCOMING GATT NEGOTIATIONS IN ACHIEVING FREER TRADE WAS EMPHASIZED. THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON THE MANDATE THAT WILL BE GIVEN ON THE ONE SIDE BY THE CONGRESS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND ON THE OTHER BY THE COUNCIL TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AFTER CONSULTATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. IT IS NECESSARY THAT THESE MANDATES BE GIVEN IN DUE TIME AND ALLOW EACH PARTY ADEQUATE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.

6. THE FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD AIM TO CONSOLIDATE AND CONTINUE THE LIBERALISATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY AND MUTUAL ADVANTAGE. THEY SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPANSION OF WORLD TRADE.

7. THE TWO DELEGATIONS RECOGNISED THAT THE FARMERS SHOULD SHARE FULLY IN THE PROSPERITY OF THEIR COUNTRIES WHILE ADEQUATE FOOD SUPPLY AND FAIR PRICES FOR PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS ARE MAINTAINED. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE STEADY GROWTH OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE IN A STABLE WORLD MARKET, INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, IN PARTICULAR, SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES ARE NEEDED TO SET MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM PRICE LEVELS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PRODUCTION TARGETS CORRESPONDING TO A REAL

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DEMAND. THESE AGREEMENTS SHOULD PROVIDE FOR STORAGE OF RESERVED STOCKS, WITH THE COST SHARING TO BE AGREED UPON, AND THE STOCKS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COUNTRIES WITH SEVERE FOOD SHORTAGES. A MINORITY HELD THE VIEW THAT FARM PRICES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO MOVE MORE FREELY, AND INCOMES OF FARMERS BE SUBSIDISED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

8. RECOGNISING CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE STRUCTURAL
PROBLEMS OF EUROPEAN AND U. S. AGRICULTURE, THE AMERICAN
PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRESENT
SOCIAL BASIS FOR THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY OF THE EEC.
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